

CEQA Certification (Information to be provided for all restoration projects)

Please check the appropriate boxes, and provide written detail if needed.

1. Purpose. Please identify the purpose, so that we can understand if the project could have significant, adverse effects on the natural environment. Generally, most restoration projects will not have a significantly adverse effect on the environment. Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Restore closed roads or
- ☐ Repair damage caused by off trail use such as hill climbs;
- ☐ Repair erosion scars and/or control erosion, and provide protection against further use;
- ☐ Remove exotic pest and restore natural vegetation;
- ☐ Fencing of, or barriers for closure areas;
- ☐ Other (please describe):

2. Description. Please describe the project(s):

☐ Location.

☐ Size in acres and/or length in miles.

☐ A site-specific baseline ecological description of existing conditions. Please describe existing vegetative cover, and species diversity. Also, describe if there are any wetlands, streams, rock outcrops, etc. Please provide "before" photos of the site(s) to be restored.

☐ Project construction disturbance last in days, weeks, months or years.

3. Activities to be conducted. Please check and explain the activities of your restoration project. For all activities, provide explicit plans and a schedule for on-site preparation and installation, where applicable, including plans for contingencies. Typically, restoration projects may involve the following:

☐ Scraping or grading. Describe what type of equipment will be used (e.g., hand tools only, bobcat, SWECO tractor, etc.).

☐ Planting. Describe the native vegetation that will be used (e.g., seeds, container plants, hay bales, etc.). Please list all material in a legend that specifies the type, size, quantities, botanical name, and common names of each.

☐ Install erosion control devices (name these, e.g., jute netting, drains, etc.).

☐ Install irrigation system (name type, and whether it is above or below ground).

☐ Use of pesticides (what types and methods?).

☐ Barriers. Describe in detail, including any ground disrupting activities that might impact cultural and physical resources.

☐ Other (please describe):

4. Monitoring and Maintenance.

- ☐ Monitoring. Describe frequency, duration, and success criteria. Results of the monitoring will be reported to the State at the end of the project.

- ☐ Maintenance (describe anticipated ongoing maintenance) and law enforcement needed to protect the area restored from illegal use.

- ☐ Other (please describe):

5. Follow-up Work. The following information will need to be provided after implementation of the restoration work.

- ☐ Photodocumentation. Document changes in the restoration site by photos taken at the time of restoration and during each monitoring period (e.g., 6 months, 1 year, 3 years, and 5 years). Photos should be taken from the same viewpoint.

- ☐ Describe "lessons learned" - what have you learned after restoring the site? What would you do differently? Describe any adaptive management implemented, and document when this occurred (e.g., 6 months after restoration, 1 year after restoration, etc.).

6. Exceptions to Categorical Exemptions. Your project is not Categorically Exempt under CEQA if the project would have a significantly adverse effect on any of the following topics:

Would the project have a significantly adverse effect on (please check the box if yes, and provide an explanation of adverse effects)?

Wetlands, streams, or creeks, and/or threatened, endangered, or other special status
☐ species (where is habitat located in relation to the project site, any measure proposed to reduce conflicts such as Limited Operating Periods (LOP?)).

Cumulative effects (e.g., will trail closure and restoration impact other trails in the area such that they will become damaged, or cause more user conflicts? Will trail closure and/or restoration of an area cause user groups to go elsewhere,
☐ necessitating a need for more trails and/or open areas to be built? If so, will new trails or open areas that will be built have significant environmental effects? Note: user conflicts are generally not in and of themselves a significant impact. They are a valid issue, but not necessarily something to make a project not exempt under CEQA).

☐ Steep slopes, erodible soils

☐ State Scenic Highway

Hazardous materials? Project site cannot be in a potentially hazardous material site,
☐ you must look on the Cortese List:
http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/Calsites/Cortese_List.cfm

☐ Cultural and historic resources (has clearance been provided for the project site?).

I hereby certify that I have reviewed the exceptions to categorical exemptions, and none of the six items listed above apply to the project described:

**Authorized Representative
(Original Signature Required)**

Date